



State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

November 16, 2020



Welcome and Roll Call

Opening Remarks

Cheryl De Pinto, Chair



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Welcome Dr. De Pinto !

Chair, CHW Advisory Committee

Approval of Aug. 17, Sept. 24, and Oct. 9 2020 Meeting Minutes

CHW Certification Update

Certification Application – Deadline Suspension

Related to COVID-19

- Sec. Neall suspended the March deadline for CHWs to submit applications for certification based on experience until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated
- 500 CHWs certified as of the original deadline of March 31
- The deadline suspension has allowed an additional 177 CHWs to be certified to date!

Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 – Nov. 16, 2020

# applications submitted to MHD:	753
# submitted applications in review process (under review and applicant receiving assistance):	76
# total CHW certificates issued by MDH:	677

CHW Certification Renewal Update

CHW Certificate Renewal Application

- The CHW Certificate Renewal Application is open on Maryland OneStop
- CHWs are encouraged to begin their application once they are certified
- Applications are submitted 30 days prior to the certificate expiration date

CHW Certificate Renewal Application - webinars

- Six CHW Certificate Renewal Application webinars offered between October 21 and November 14
- 193 individuals registered
- Webinars covered:
 - The Maryland OneStop CHW Certificate Renewal application
 - Process for documenting 20 hours of professional development activities

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Training Program Accreditation Process

Accreditation of CHW Certification Training Programs – January 1, 2020 – November 16, 2020

# applications submitted to MHD:	7
# applications in review process (under review and applicant receiving assistance):	2
# total accreditations issued by MDH:	5

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

Accredited CHW Training Program	CHW Certification Training Program Name	Effective Date of Accreditation	Date of Accreditation Certification Expiration
Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Inc.	Access Community Health Workers Training	October 1, 2018	July 23, 2023
Asian American Center of Frederick in partnership with Hagerstown Community College	CHW Certification Training Program	March 6, 2020	July 23, 2023

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Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine	Howard County General Hospital CHW Training Program	August 8, 2020	September 21, 2023
Maryland Area Health Education Center Program	Maryland AHEC CHW Training Program	October 1, 2018	August 3, 2023

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Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc.	Community Health Worker 101	August 6, 2019	July 23, 2023

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Application

Accreditation Application Due Dates

- December 31, 2020
 - Training programs who trained individuals from Oct. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2020 requesting retroactive accreditation to October 1, 2018
- No deadline for:
 - Programs not requesting retroactive accreditation
 - New programs

CHW Certification Training Program Practicum – Recommended Accommodation

CHW Certification Training Program Practicum - Recommended Accommodation - Background

1. A CHW certification training program shall verify successful completion of an additional supervised 40-hour practicum by a student. ([COMAR 10.68.02.03.A\(2\)](#))
2. As a result of COVID-19:
 - There have been changes in the education, training, and employment venues
 - There is a concern that some CHW students may have difficulty finding a Practicum, but given how valuable CHWs are in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, they may be able to find employment as a CHW

CHW Certification Training Program - Accommodation

- The Advisory Committee met on September 24 and October 9 to consider an accommodation to the Practicum component of accredited CHW certification training programs during the COVID-19 state of emergency
- **If approved by the Department**, accredited CHW training programs will be able to accept CHW employment in place of the 40-hour supervised Practicum if certain conditions are met

CHW Apprenticeship Programs - Accreditation

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Health General § 13-3705(a)(1)(iii)

An apprenticeship program registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation may be accredited by the Department as a certified community health worker training program.

Health General § 13-3705(a)(2)

The Department, working in collaboration with the Advisory Committee, shall adopt regulations establishing a procedure for accrediting community health worker training programs.

CHW Apprenticeship Programs - Accreditation

Request: Three to five members of the Advisory Committee to participate in a workgroup

Goals:

- Consider the accreditation of apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor
- Proposed amendments to the regulations

Time commitment:

- Three meetings between November 2020 – January 30, 2021

CHW Apprenticeship Programs - Accreditation

Meeting #1: Discuss the accreditation process for apprenticeship programs

Meeting #2: Proposals for regulation language

Meeting #3: Finalize draft language to be presented at the Feb. 16 Advisory Committee meeting

CHW Apprenticeship Programs - Accreditation

Volunteers??

CHW Additional Updates

CHW Panel Presentations

Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) 2020 Conference

Community Health Workers: Increasing in Strength and Capacity

- October 19, 2020

Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) 2020 Health Equity Conference

*Reconfiguring Public Health for Improved Minority Health Impact
(Community Health Workers)*

- December 3, 2020

Johns Hopkins Public Health Applications for Student Experience (PHASE) Project

- PHASE Intern: Rachael Molitor, JHU MPH Student
- CHW Specialty Certifications

CHW Employment Opportunities

- [State of Maryland Job Openings webpage](#)
 - The complete source for CHW employment opportunities at the MDH

- CHW Website: [Employment Opportunities webpage](#)

CHW Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Quarterly meeting of full Advisory Committee, 1 PM – 3 PM, at MDH or virtually

- **February 16, 2021** (NOTE: This is a Tuesday. February 15 is a holiday.)
- **May 17, 2021**
- **August 16, 2021**
- **November 15, 2021**

Open Discussion

Experiences/challenges in the COVID-19 environment???

CHW Program Contacts and Links

Maryland CHW Certification Website

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Home.aspx>

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Adjournment

Motion, second, and vote to adjourn.
Thank you for joining us today!

We wish you well!

The CHW Team